

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, STATE OF LOUISIANA
AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
VERSUS
GREGORY JULES SAURAGE - WHITE/MALE



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Height: 6'2" Weight: 200
Eye Color: Brown Hair Color: Gray
D/M:

I, Special Agent Steven Brens, with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, certify under oath based on the information outlined below, that there is probable cause to believe Gregory Jules Saurage on or about the date(s) of 05-29-2026 did commit:

1 Count(s) of 14:24/14:34.1-- PRINCIPAL TO SECOND DEGREE BATTERY-- (Felony)

within this State and Parish at: 165 LA 21, Madisonville, Louisiana 70447 in St. Tammany Parish and the jurisdiction of the 22nd Judicial District Court, contrary to the form of the statutes of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the same, in that the following did occur:

On May 29, 2026, at approximately 4:31 p.m., the St. Tammany Parish Emergency Communications Center received multiple 911 calls, regarding a fight at Keith Young's Steakhouse, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Callers described an incident involving two male customers, with one individual placing another in a "chokehold." The perpetrator was described as a white male, tall, in his late 50s, wearing a blue button-up shirt and khaki or grey pants. The victim, later identified as Robert "Bobby" Couvillion, also contacted 911 to report that he had been attacked and requested Emergency Medical Services due to injuries sustained during the attack. (The victim was later transported [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for treatment of injuries he sustained because of the incident.)

Members of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office (STPSO) Patrol Division responded to the scene and were advised while enroute that the incident involved an off-duty law enforcement officer. Upon arrival, STPSO Deputy Ashley Carroll learned that the suspect, identified as Randall "Randy" Smith, Sheriff of St. Tammany Parish, had already departed the scene. Responding deputies interviewed multiple witnesses and spoke with the victim, who identified Randall Smith as the individual who attacked him without provocation. Mr. Couvillion stated that while he was seated at the bar with his wife, Smith approached him from behind and placed him in a chokehold. Smith then used the chokehold to forcefully pull Couvillion backward off the elevated bar stool, causing him to strike the left side of his head and face on the floor.

While on the ground, Smith, according to Couvillion, punched and kicked him in the face and body with his boots. According to Couvillion, during the battery, Smith repeatedly threatened him, stating "I'm going to kill you, you motherfucker" and "You're a dead motherfucker." Multiple witnesses corroborated that Smith initiated the attack from behind without any prior confrontation between the parties.

Due to the nature of the incident and to avoid any conflict of interest, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office contacted the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Louisiana Bureau of Investigation (LBI), to assume the investigation. At approximately 6:20 p.m., Special Agents from LBI, including Special Agent Steven Brens and Supervisory Special Agent Michael Moore, arrived on scene and began conducting interviews of witnesses. Special Agents Johnny Morse and Brian Phillips traveled to St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, where they interviewed Mr. Couvillion [REDACTED] and documented Couvillion's injuries through photographs. Agent Brens personally observed numerous injuries to Couvillion's face, including contusions on the inside and outside of his mouth, swelling to the left side of his face, injuries to his arm, an abrasion and contusion to his right ankle, and an abrasion approximately six inches in length to his back. Mr. Couvillion reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol on Smith's breath during the close-quarters struggle. Couvillion further stated that he is now in fear for his life based on Smith's threats and his position of authority as Sheriff.

Since Randall Smith had already fled the scene, prior to the arrival of law enforcement, Mr. Smith was not available to make a statement to the Agents at the initial time of the investigation.

While at Keith Young's, Agents Moore and Brens met with the owner of Keith Young's Steakhouse and obtained approximately one hour of the recorded surveillance video from one surveillance camera in the bar area where the incident had occurred. Agent Brens also obtained a copy of the receipt from Randall Smith's visit to Keith Young's Steakhouse with a total amount of \$346.21 which included food and the bar tab. Further examination of the bar tab included five (5) glasses of Walking Fool wine, four (4) HH (Happy Hour) Vodka Martinis, seven (7) Titos Vodkas, one (1) Tanqueray, and one (1) Ketel One Vodka.

During a review of this video, a white male with grey hair wearing a black t shirt and white shorts, later identified as Gregory Saurage, walks past Couvillion, who was seated at the bar and points to him while facing the direction of Sheriff Randall Smith, just before pounding his fists together in an aggressive suggestive manor. Based on this gesture, Agents believe Saurage was signaling Smith to attack Couvillion who was seated at the bar. Shortly after this, Sheriff Randall Smith, who is seen clad in a blue button-down short sleeve shirt wearing dark colored pants and a wristwatch on his left arm, approaches Couvillion from behind. Couvillion was seen wearing a white color pullover short sleeve shirt with dark colored pants seated in the corner of the bar nearest the center of the bar area. Smith can be seen walking quickly towards Couvillion and immediately once behind him, lunging towards Couvillion, with Smith's left foot leaving the ground and his right arm clubbing Couvillion's neck before wrapping the choke hold. Couvillion is seen attempting to clinch Smith's choke holding arm with his right arm, as he is being violently pulled from his tall bar style seat to the ground by Smith. As Smith is pulling Couvillion to the ground, it does appear that while in the backwards fall, Smith slams Couvillion onto the concrete as he (Smith) is landing on top of him. Once on the ground, Smith maintains a side control stance on top of Couvillion and delivers a strike to Couvillion using his right hand. The two continue to struggle and fight on the ground with Smith on top of Couvillion, as the view from the initial camera angle gets obstructed with responding patrons, including Saurage, who struggle to pull Smith off Couvillion.

It should be noted that following a review of the restaurant's video surveillance footage this attack appeared to be unprovoked by Couvillion with Smith attacking him from behind with no warning or signs. The video suggests that Randall Smith attacked Couvillion in such a manner that Couvillion, unbeknownst to him of

the impending attack, had little to no time to defend himself or de-escalate and protect himself from Smith's aggression and physical attack.

On May 30, 2026, pursuant to the investigation, Agent Brens obtained a court-authorized search warrant to seize the digital video surveillance recording device from the restaurant. During the execution of the search warrant, Agents seized [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] containing surveillance footage of the altercation. The device was transported to the LBI Office in Baton Rouge for forensic examination.

On June 1, 2026, Agent Brens obtained an additional search warrant authorizing a complete forensic examination of the DVR to review footage from multiple camera angles and to identify all participants involved in the incident.

Several days after the altercation, Mr. Couvillion sought additional medical care from a Dentist and Physician relative to the injuries that he sustained.

Following the initial investigation, Agents visited Mr. Couvillion's medical providers to obtain complete documentation of his injuries. Medical records obtained revealed that Couvillion suffered a level two concussion as a result of the altercation with Randall Smith. Additionally, medical providers documented that Couvillion's two front teeth were moved from their normal position as a direct result of the altercation with Smith during the battery. These injuries constitute serious bodily injury as defined under Louisiana law, including neurological impairment in the form of a concussion and potential long term or permanent disfigurement, specifically his teeth.

On June 5, 2026, Supervisory Special Agent Michael Moore and Special Agent Brens met with Gregory Saurage at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Agents obtained Saurage's voluntary recorded statement regarding the altercation at Keith Young's Steakhouse involving Couvillion and Smith. Saurage advised that on May 29, 2026, at approximately 11:45 a.m., he arrived at Keith Young's Steakhouse and shortly after met with Randy Smith [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the bar and had some drinks and food. Saurage advised an unknown male approached Smith and told him (Smith) that Bobby Couvillion was sitting at the bar and to "watch your back." Saurage admitted going to the bathroom several times but failed to mention motioning towards Couvillion or banging his fists together. When asked if he made any motion towards Couvillion, Saurage stated that he did not signal or make any gestures towards Couvillion. Saurage then stated that he did not remember making any motion towards Couvillion. Saurage advised that when the altercation occurred, he helped break up Smith and Couvillion and shortly after ushered Smith out of the business. Saurage advised Smith asked him (Saurage) to drive him (Smith) home in his departmental vehicle.

Based on the totality of the evidence gathered during this investigation, including victim and witness statements, Saurage's voluntary recorded statement, review of surveillance video footage, photographic documentation of injuries, medical records confirming serious bodily injury, there exists probable cause to believe that Gregory Saurage signaled Randy Smith to execute an attack on Robert Couvillion. During the attack Smith intentionally inflicted serious bodily injury on Robert Couvillion in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:34.1, Second Degree Battery. Smith, without legal justification or provocation, attacked Couvillion from behind, placed him in a chokehold, threw him violently to the ground causing him to strike his head, and then proceeded to strike him while he was defenseless on the floor. The resulting injuries, including a level two concussion and displacement of his front teeth, meet the statutory definition of serious bodily injury. The evidence further demonstrates that Saurage is in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:24 / 14:34.1 — Principal to Second Degree Battery. Because Saurage is seen on the video making a positive identification of Couvillion's location toward Smith's location in the bar before signaling in an aggressive posture with his fists as to entice a fight coupled with the fact that shortly after the fight Saurage

assisted Smith in leaving the scene before responding Deputies could arrive and investigate the matter, Agents are respectfully requesting an arrest warrant to be issued for Gregory Saurage in reference to the above-mentioned criminal charge.

Therefore, an arrest warrant is respectfully requested for Gregory Saurage for the above-mentioned criminal charge.

I hereby certify under oath the information contained herein to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, under penalties of perjury.


Special Agent Steven Brens
Affiant

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 8 day of June at 2026.

10:39
A.M.



22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY
STATE OF LOUISIANA

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, STATE OF LOUISIANA
ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
VERSUS
GREGORY JULES SAURAGE - WHITE/MALE



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Height: 6'2" Weight: 200
Eye Color: Brown Hair Color: Gray
D/M:

TO ANY COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICER:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to me, upon the sworn affidavit of Special Agent Steven Brens, with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, charging one Gregory Jules Saurage with:

1 Count(s) of 14:24/14:34.1--PRINCIPAL TO SECOND DEGREE BATTERY--(Felony)

Committed on or about the date(s) of 05-29-2026.

Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded, in the name of the State, to apprehend and arrest and book the said accused to answer the said complaint. You are further commanded to keep the said accused in safe custody until released according to law, and this shall be your warrant.

Given under my official signature, this 8 day of June at 2026.

10:40
A.M.

Alan Blaud

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY
STATE OF LOUISIANA